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## SENATE BILL No. 30

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-1-4-3.

**Synopsis:** Continuing education. Provides that, if the educational activity satisfies certain criteria, a professional or occupational licensing board (other than a board that regulates a health profession) may not disapprove continuing education credits obtained through a program having a format under which individuals participating in the educational experience are not present at the site where the educational activity is conducted. Provides that unless a board adopts rules to permit more continuing education credit to be earned through distance learning, a member of the profession or occupation regulated by the board may not earn more than 50% of the member's continuing education requirement through distance learning. Authorizes a professional or occupational licensing board to adopt rules to provide appropriate procedures to verify participation in distance learning programs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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**Zakas, Mrvan**

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January 8, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 25-1-4-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2001]: **Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "board" refers to a**  
4 **board or commission listed in IC 25-1-6-3 that regulates a**  
5 **profession or an occupation that has continuing education**  
6 **requirements.**

7       **(b) As used in this section, "distance learning" means an**  
8 **educational format under which individuals participating in the**  
9 **educational experience are not present at the site where the**  
10 **educational activity is being conducted.**

11       **(c) Subject to subsection (d), a board may not disapprove a**  
12 **distance learning program for continuing education credit if the**  
13 **program satisfies both of the following conditions:**

14       **(1) The educational experience of an individual present at the**  
15 **site of the program's educational activity would qualify for**  
16 **continuing education credit irrespective of the distance**  
17 **learning format of the program.**



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1           (2) The means by which an individual at a remote site obtains  
2           the educational experience provided by the program permits  
3           the individual to have substantially the same educational  
4           experience as an individual who is present at the site where  
5           the program's educational activity is conducted.

6           (d) Unless the board adopts rules under subsection (e) to permit  
7           more continuing education credit to be earned through distance  
8           learning, a member of the profession or occupation regulated by  
9           the board may not earn more than fifty percent (50%) of the  
10          member's continuing education requirement through distance  
11          learning.

12          (e) A board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to permit a  
13          member of the profession or occupation regulated by the board to  
14          earn more than fifty percent (50%) of the member's continuing  
15          education requirements through distance learning.

16          (f) A board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish  
17          appropriate procedures to verify the participation in a distance  
18          learning program described in subsection (c) by a member of the  
19          profession or occupation regulated by the board.

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